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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY WORKSHOPS *THE LAST CELEBRITY*
Award Winning Poet, reg e. gains Breaks Down His Latest Work and Yours

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library will host a **Reading Workshop** of reg e. gains' upcoming solo theater piece *The Last Celebrity*, on Monday, January 28, at 6:30 p.m. in the Wangenheim Rare Book Room of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. This event is free and open to the public.

reg e. gains will present a stage reading workshop of his new solo performance piece, *The Last Celebrity*, world premiering Feb 15-17, 2013, at Art House Productions in Jersey City. *The Last Celebrity* is a collection of poems and monologues telling the story of reg e's accidental brush with fame, from obscure street poet to author and lyricist of the Tony award-winning musical, *Bring In Da Noise/Bring In Da Funk*. This stage reading will consist of excerpts from *The Last Celebrity* and a workshop on how to take a single poem and use it to construct a solo theater piece. Audience members are encouraged to bring their own material for workshop purposes.

reg e. gains is a two time Tony Award and Grammy Award nominee for *Bring In Da Noise/Bring In Da Funk* and winner of the 2003 Downtown Urban Theater Festival's Best Play Award, *Other Aspects*. He is a Nuyorican Poets Café Grand Slam champion and has appeared on Seasons 4 and 5 of HBO's *Def Poetry*. reg e. is returning for his fifth term as Artistic Director of the 2013 New York City Downtown Urban Theater Festival.

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